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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/851,560)	Group Art Unit: 3622
Filed: May 10, 2001)	
For: SERVER APPARATUS, DATA)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS,)	
CONSUMABLE MANAGEMENT)	
METHOD, AND MEMORY)	
MEDIUM AND PROGRAM)	
THEREFOR)	May 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- U.S. Patent No. 5,305,199
- U.S. Patent No. 6,142,371
- U.S. Patent No. 5,594,529
- Japan 62-280961
- Japan 62-280771
- Japan 06-149851
- Japan 09-167182
- Japan 11-312273
- Japan 08-152824

It is noted that U.S. Patents 5,305,199, 6,142,371 and 5,594,529 are English language counterparts of Japan 06-149851, 11-312273 and 08-152824, respectively, and

therefore, the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the U.S. counterparts.

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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